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Title: Generalized Differentiation Methods And Arrangements  
For Adaptive Multimedia Communications

**REPLY TO ADVISORY ACTION DATED (MAILED) 08/29/2006**

**AND**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR RCE**

**UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.114, 1.115, AND 1.116**

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

A Final Office Action was issued 06/27/2006. The Final Office Action examined claims 1-13 and 19-35. It also rejected claims 1-13 and 19-35.

In response to the Final Office Action, an After-Final Reply was filed on 08/14/2006. Although some of the claims were amended, they were not amended as a result of any applied art.

In response to the After-Final Reply of 08/14/2006, an Advisory Action was issued 08/29/2006. The Advisory Action appeared to indicate that the After-Final Reply was entered and considered. The After-Final Reply apparently overcame the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections. However, the Advisory Action indicated that the After-Final Reply was not persuasive with respect to the 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 rejections.

It is therefore believed that the After-Final Reply, including the claim amendments, have been entered by the Patent Office. Accordingly, the claim amendments presented in the previous Reply are included in the claims below, but they are not separately indicated with any strikethrough or underlining markings.

This current Reply is responsive to the Advisory Action, and it also serves as a Preliminary Amendment for an RCE. In this current Reply, no claims are canceled or added. Hence, claims 1-13 and 19-35 continue to be pending and presented for examination.

1 It is noted that a Request for an Examiner Interview accompanies  
2 submission of the current Reply. More specifically, an "Applicant Initiated  
3 Interview Request Form" PTOL-413A is being submitted herewith. **Applicants'**  
4 **representative requests that the Examiner Interview occur prior to issuance**  
5 **of another Office Action.** Applicants' representative will be available on a day  
6 and at a time of the Examiner's convenience.